

24 February 1977

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Intelligence  
Deputy Director for Operations  
Deputy Director for Science and Technology  
Deputy to the Director for National  
Intelligence Officers  
Comptroller  
Director, Equal Employment Opportunity  
General Counsel  
Legislative Counsel  
Inspector General

FROM : John F. Blake  
Deputy Director for Administration

Attached is a copy of the letter to the President that Hank Knoche mentioned at the 24 February, 9:00 A.M. Morning Meeting. I forward it with the suggestion you may wish to read it at your next staff meeting.



John F. Blake

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THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

23 February 1977

The President  
The White House  
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

On behalf of the Central Intelligence Agency and the Intelligence Community, I thank you for your press conference concerning intelligence and the need for secrecy. Your strong support of our mission, and of the need for discretion in the public consideration of our affairs, will do much to reinforce the spirit of professionalism, dedication and drive in all intelligence personnel.

We will work to ensure that the future performance of intelligence men and women will be worthy of the confidence you have shown in them. All of us are particularly heartened by your statement that dispels the cloud of "impropriety" from above our heads.

Most respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Hank".

E. H. Knoche  
Acting Director

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